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all, by establishing a régime of peace and security and teaching them to make the most of their resources. The author does not claim that this is a purely unselfish programme. France is to benefit largely, also, by turning the Sahara to good account.

**Kulturgeschichtliche Streifzüge. Von Dr. Ernst Schultze. I.** Aus dem Werden und Wachsen der Vereinigten Staaten. 225 pp. Im Gutenberg-Verlag, Hamburg, 1908. M. 2.

The title comprehends a great deal more than is included in the letterpress, which is merely sketchy and, in large part, trivial. Though the author tells us that half of our countrymen are of foreign origin, he includes all of us under the generic term "Yankees." He tells the story of Joshua A. Norton, of San Francisco, "Emperor of the United States and Protector of Mexico," of floating theaters on the Mississippi and of some other things that may beguile an idle hour but are very feebly edifying. The book seems to be adapted chiefly for the class of readers that has no preference for serious mental pabulum. It is a rather surprising volume to come from the pen of Dr. Schultze, who has geographical acumen and has done solid and discriminating work both as a geographical writer and editor.

**Geography, Structural, Physical and Comparative. By J. W. Gregory.** viii and 305 pp., 32 Plates and coloured Maps, 97 Illustrations in the text and Index. Blackie & Son, Ltd., London, 1908. 6s.

Prof. Gregory divides his book into four parts, considering (1) the Structure and Materials of the Earth; (2) Earth Forms and how they are made; (3) The Influence of the Atmosphere and Oceans; (4) Descriptive Geography, which includes considerably more than half of the book. Dr. Gregory has international reputation as an explorer and educator, but his book is not comparable with some of the recent American texts, for the excellent reason that he has not given himself sufficient space to cover adequately, for text book purposes, the wide fields of geographical knowledge he essays to treat. What he does is, on the whole, very well done, but he does not do enough. The treatment is necessarily sketchy, and though there is much that is meritorious in the work, its usefulness would seem to be largely confined to the suggestions which educators, well qualified to teach the subject, may find in its pages for their own amplification in the class room.

**A Sketch of Historical Geography. By Keith Johnson.** With an Appreciation of the Author by Sir Clements Markham. ix and 232 pp., 12 Maps and Index. Edward Stanford, London, 1909. 3s. 6d.

This is a reprint of the historical portion from the sixth edition of the author's well-known "Geography: Physical, Historical, Political and Descriptive." The latest edition appeared last year under the competent editorship of Dr. A. H. Keane. Johnston was known as an accomplished geographer for some years before his early death in African exploration, and his sketch of historical geography, now produced in this separate publication, has been called, on high authority, the best in our language.

**Ortsnamen und Sprachwissenschaft. Ursprache und Begriffsentwicklung. Von Dr. Täuber.** 259 pp., Illustration and Index. Art. Institut Orell Füssli, Zürich, 1908. M. 5.

It is by no means easy to discover just what object is sought to be attained in this work. It follows upon a very respectable series of investigations into the